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## PRESS RELEASE

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## I-49 Inner City Connector Meetings Scheduled

The public will have three chances next week to provide feedback on the proposed plans to build an Interstate 49 inner-city connector in the heart of Shreveport.

This is the second round of public meetings on the Department of Transportation and Development stage one environmental impact study. A team of experts will present interstate alignment options developed by engineers since last year's initial round of public meetings.

The meeting schedule is listed below:

- Tuesday, December 11 at 6 p.m. at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church;
   1558 Buena Vista Street (A block north of Ford Street between Allen and Pierre)
- Wednesday, December 12 at 11 a.m. at Mt. Canaan Baptist Church, 1666 Alston Street (A block north of Ford Street and Webster)
- Thursday, December 13 at Noon at the Shreveport Chamber of Commerce, 400 Edwards Street (Corner of Edwards and Travis)

The public is encouraged to attend these meetings and to offer as much feedback and input as possible. The planning team will present three options for building the connector and members of the public will be asked to vote on the preferred alignment.

This inner city connector will be a new interstate facility approximately 3.6 miles long. It is proposed to intersect Shreveport in order to connect I-49 at the I-20 interchange with I-49 North in the vicinity of the I-220 interchange.

An information line and web site have been established: 1 (877) 893-8295; <a href="https://www.i49shreveport.com">www.i49shreveport.com</a>.

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